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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT /EP02/08867, filed on 8/8/2002, entitled Hydrates of Optionally Substituted 2-(2-pyridinyl) methylthio-1H-benzimidazoles and Process for the Production Thereof, which designated the United States.

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1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 16-1350. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed.5. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.6. ☐ Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.7. ☒ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional of prior PCT application No.: PCT/EP02/08867, filed 8/8/2002

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8. ☐ A declaration under CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
9. ☒ Priority of foreign application number DE 101 40 492.1, filed on 17/08/2001  
in Germany is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
10. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. ☒ Also enclosed:  
IDS, PCT, Intl. Search Report, German Search Report, PTO-Form 1449, references

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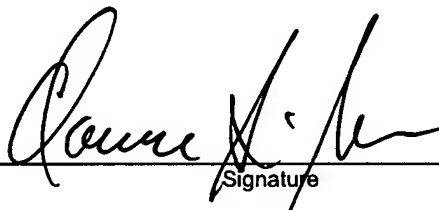
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- ☐ Attorney or agent of record
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